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URBAN HEALTH CARE FOR POOR PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

the concrete measures taken by the Government to improve the Urban Health Care facilities for the poor people residing in the cities in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

As per census, 28.6 crores people are living in urban areas, out of which 3.26 crores lived in slum areas of the cities / towns having population of 1 lakh and above, which is expected to reach 5.01 crores by 2007-08, thus putting greater strain on urban health infrastructure which already had serious deficiencies.

During the 11th Five Year Plan period Government of India proposes to launch National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) to address primarily health needs of urban slum population in cities / towns having a population of one lakh people and above alongwith capital cities of all the states and UTs.